

AMENDMENT OF THE SPECIFICATION:

On Page 1, please amend the "Related Cases" as follows:

RELATED CASES

This is a Continuation of Application 10/226,624 filed August 22, 2002, which is a Continuation of Application No. 09/749,242 filed December 27, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,438,880; which is a Continuation of Application No. 09/986,395 filed December 8, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 6,178,679 B1; which is a Continuation-in-Part of ~~co~~pending Application Serial No. 08/600,609 filed February 13, 1996, now abandoned; each said Application being incorporated herein by reference in its ~~entirety~~ entirety.

On page 8, amend the last paragraph as follows:

Preferably, low-relief type projections 40A and 40B are formed along the upper and lower edges of the back surface of the protective-viewing panel 31, as best shown in Fig. 3D. The function of these low-relief projections 40A and 40B is to provide a small gap between the back of the protective-viewing window 31 35 and the front surface of the characters held within the tracks. In the illustrative embodiment, an ultra-violet (UV) blocking film layer 41 is applied to rear surface of the protective-viewing window 31 35 in order to block UV solar radiation from striking the front surface of the characters held therebehind, as shown in Fig. 3D. Such UV radiation filtering protect the dyes and pigments and dyes used to color or otherwise enhance the light reflective properties of the signage characters.